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In re Application of:)
Martin FISCHER et al.) Group Art Unit: 2168
Application No.: 10/656,208) Examiner: Jay A. MORRISON
Filed: September 8, 2003) Confirmation No.: 7499
For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR)
CONTROLLING ACCESS TO A)
DATA OBJECT)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance mailed November 24, 2009. Without withdrawing the allowed claims from issue, Applicants submit these comments for the record.

In the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner made statements and characterizations regarding the allowed claims and the art of record. Although Applicants agree with the Examiner's ultimate conclusion that the claims are patentable, Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's statements and characterizations.

While Applicants agree that the claims are patentable for at least the reasons stated by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowance, Applicants submit that the claims are allowable not just for those reasons. Applicants submit that the claims are allowable at

least because they recite a combination of patentable features, including those not mentioned by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowance.

Furthermore, Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's statement that *Ohran* is the "closest" prior art of record. In addition, Applicants do not necessarily endorse the Examiner's characterizations regarding features allegedly taught by *Ohran*.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of these Comments, please charge the fee to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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